





Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that the claims 1-3 are not obvious in view of the combination of Osawa, Arai, Murayama, and Awano. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

## CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the final Office Action dated August 10, 2006 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-3 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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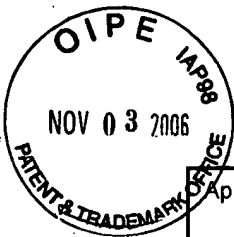
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